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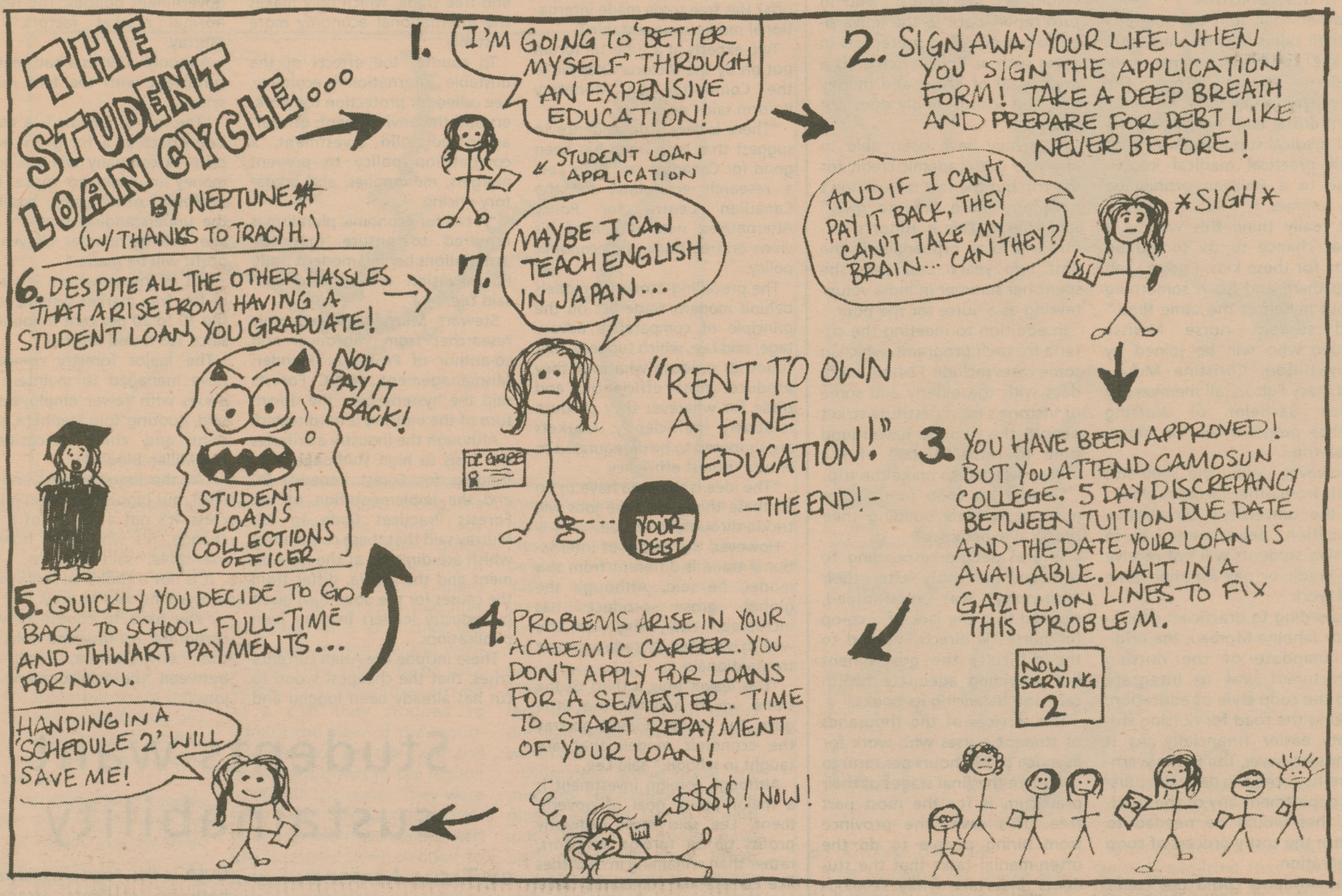
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Island says no to MacBlo

By Heather Robb

If the provincial government listens to the voices of First Nations people and environmentalists, forestry giant MacMillan Bloedel could walk away with empty pockets, rather than a controversial compensation package worth $84 million.

Hoping to avoid a costly lawsuit, the province announced in May it would compensate the company for timber harvesting rights lost to park creation in the early 1990s. The package could include cash, land, resource rights or a combination of the three.

Victoria lawyer David Perry was hired by the province to consult the public this June about the idea of transferring public land to the company. Tonight, June 24, the second last public meeting will be held in Victoria.

Perry said the reaction from the people he has seen at a series of packed public hearings in communities which would be affected by the proposed land transfers is "predominately negative."

"At every meeting people come out and say that no one knows about it and yet there's always a full house," said Perry.

While Perry has asked the province to extend the quickly approaching June 30 deadline for public input by a few weeks, critics of the deal believe that the process is being rushed in order to skirt public outrage.

"We don't feel the government has taken its publicity responsibility seriously," said Lisa Matthaus, forest policy analyst for the Sierra Club of Western Canada at a small lunch hour protest in Bastion Square on June 14. "We feel we have to fill that void. It's far too important to slip by unnoticed."

Matthaus, who attended the Vancouver consultation, described it as "standing room only." About 300 people were there and they were angry, she said.

"There was lots of emotion coming out, and there was the feeling that the corporation doesn't deserve to be compensated."

The deal not only covers vested claims, but also projected future profits for MacBlo. And while the B.C. company, which has just been purchased by the American giant Weyerhauser, receives handsome compensation, nothing has been offered to make up for losses suffered by communities and workers affected by changing forest management, say critics.

"We think communities and workers are more deserving of compensation—we need more access to parks, not more corporate control," said Matthaus.

The first part of the proposed compensation package involves removing 91 thousand hectares of existing private land held by the company from the requirements of the Forest Practices Code, and will instead be regulated by newly announced codes for privatized lands which environmentalists call "useless." David Perry says MacBlo would be "free to do with it what they will."

The second part would give MacBlo approximately 20 thousand hectares of Vancouver Island plantation lands currently owned by the Crown, which are spread over the east side of Vancouver Island from Campbell River to Sooke, and are currently within Tree Forestation Licenses (TFLs).

> "Basically, one part of the government was putting lands on the table [for treaty negotiation] while another part was secretly taking them off."

According to Ken Wu, a campaigner for the Western Canada Wilderness Committee, the government's newly proposed regulations for privatized lands do not reflect the values of B.C. residents.

"They are voluntary regulations written up by MacBlo themselves. They don't provide for buffer strips along streams to protect fisheries, and only specify there needs to be 20 to 40 trees every 200 metres."

Indisputably, the most contentious element to this deal is the fact that it conflicts with on-going treaty negotiations with First Nations peoples. According to Ray Traverse, forestry advisor for the Te'mexw Treaty Association, the only lands available for treaty negotiations on the Island are the plantation lands, of which 30 thousand hectares are being considered in the MacBlo deal.

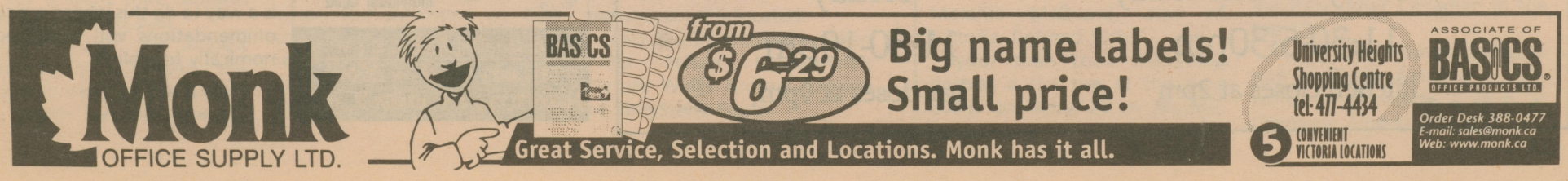
"Basically, one part of the government was putting lands on the table [for treaty negotiation] while another part was secretly taking them off. According to section 23 of the Land Act, it is not legal to transfer public land to private land for the purpose of forestry. The Te'mexw Treaty group is prepared to take legal actions for lands on the table if the deal goes through."

Cheri Burda, the eco-research chair of environmental law and policy at the University of Victoria believes that while it is important to discuss alternative means of paying MacBlo, the real issue at hand is whether or not MacBlo should be compensated at all.

To avoid the lawsuit filed by the company in September of 1997, the value of the compensation deal was settled in March, 1999 and consequently the right to compensation for losses has never been legally demonstrated.

"I think we need a full debate on compensation, not just because of MacBlo, but because it's one of many companies lined up for compensation. It's going to set a precedent for other deals in motion. Land claims are in the process of being discussed. And we're going to see land as currency in the future."

Public consultation meeting will be held June 24, 4p.m.- 9p.m. at the Coast Victoria Hotel, 146 Kingston Street.



No funding for nurses

By Miguel Strother

Rather than join the majority of their peers in the annual rites of the Canadian summer, four student nurses from the University of Victoria will haul eight duffel bags full of clothing and medical supplies along with their practical medical knowledge to a Bolivian orphanage this summer.

"I really think this will be a great chance to do something good for these kids. I hope I can help them and learn something about myself at the same time," said student nurse Melissa Bonier, who will be joined by Toby Hilton, Christina Mckay, and Stacy Fulton, all members of UVic's Bachelor of Nursing Science program for the eight-week trip.

However, unlike the 3000 students from other faculties placed by the university's cooperative education department, these nursing students will not receive any credit or pay for their time and work.

According to practicum coordinator Jannine Moreau, the original mandate of the nursing department was to integrate into the coop style of education, making the road for nursing students easier financially. As it stands however, the B.C. government has opted to deny the nursing department any of the funding that would be needed to launch the costly process of coop integration.

The students could get credit for the program, but in order to meet what Moreau calls the nursing school "stamp of approval", the students must have their progress evaluated by volunteer "preceptors" who in turn report back to the university. To get qualified preceptors in areas such as Bolivia demands a great deal of effort and money that the school simply does not have.

"We may have been able to apply to get academic credit for the trip but the fact is I just don't have any more time to give," said Hilton. This is Hilton's second trip to an orphanage in the past two years. Last year she spent her summer in India volunteering as a nurse for the poor.

In addition to meeting the criteria for their programs, which in some cases include 12-hour work days with the elderly and some of Victoria's most destitute street people, the students have found time to raise $10,000 of the money needed to make the trip.

So why no coop funding for nursing students building their practical experience?

Several people responding to this question only after their anonymity was guaranteed, claimed that the lack of a co-op for nurses is directly related to the difficulty the government has providing adequate health care and balancing its books.

The services of the thousands of student nurses who work for as much as 234 hours per term to complete the final stages of their practicum is for the most part free. This saves the province from hiring people to do the often-menial tasks that the students undertake while developing the skills needed for their future careers.

"It is a very politically contentious issue," said Moreau.

Big Business on the line

By Sandra Dyer

Are provincial government policies responsible for forestry layoffs? Has free trade made international markets more stable?

Two experts at a June 16 forum put on by the Victoria Chapter of the Committee on Monetary Reform said "no."

"There is very little evidence to suggest that Free Trade has been good for Canada," said Marc Lee, a research economist for the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, who presented his views on free trade and economic policy.

The prevailing economic models behind modern trade act on the principle of comparative advantage, said Lee, which suggests that countries produce whatever they produce most efficiently, and trade for whatever they produce relatively inefficiently. Markets are supposed to be deregulated to ensure utmost efficiency.

"The idea is that you have to do all these things and the jobs will trickle through," said Lee.

However, the reality of international trade is different from this model, he said. Although the global gross product has increased, two thirds of this wealth is limited to trade amongst transnationals.

"This leaves only a third of the trade which benefits the little guys. The reality doesn't portray the economic models that are taught in schools," said Lee.

Although foreign investment is a major policy goal of government, Lee said most company profits go to foreign investors, rather than remaining in countries like Canada and stimulating their economy.

"We have become susceptible to a conditioning framework where we are pressured to accept lower standards such as in health or environment," said Lee.

Lee stressed the need to move away from trade liberalization and free trade, which only makes the international economy more unstable.

To counter the effects of the unstable international economy, Lee called for protection for workers and the environment, discouraging portfolio investment, a competition policy to prevent mergers, monopolies, and predatory pricing.

"A call for economic pluralism is required to ensure that the assumptions behind modern trade liberalization are questioned," said Lee.

Stewart Murray, an economic researcher from Vancouver and co-author of Profits or Plunder: Mismanagement of BC Forests said the hysteria over the downturn of the industry is misdirected.

Although the industry attributes the crisis to high stumpage fees, funding for Forest Renewal BC and the implementation of the Forests Practices Code in BC, Murray said that these complaints, which are directed at the government and the media, differ from the causes for the downturn given by industry leaders in their own publications.

These include the Asian currency crises, that the cheapest wood to cut has already been logged and even the weather.

"Two out of thirteen reasons cited in industry publications are government policies. The rest are normal market factors," says Murray.

Although 1999 is a bad year, it is consistent with the free market system.

"The loss of income is a normal side effect of a for profit enterprise. A company will risk losing money in order to make large profits in other years, based on the understanding that on average over a number of years, a profit will be made."

Just as the downturn is a result of the free market system, so are the 10 to 20 per cent in job losses since 1991, said Murray.

The major forestry companies have managed to maintain revenues with fewer employees, he said, quoting Tom Stephens, president and chief executive of MacMillan Bloedel.

"At the logging level and mill level, our biggest problem is labor costs. It's not a matter of if they change, it's when and how. It's inevitable," said Stephens.

It is not a choice of work versus ecosystems, said Murray.

"You have to choose between corporate control and jobs and the environment, but not between the environment and jobs."

Students want sustainability

BY Tasha Marsden

How many university staff does it take to screw in a light bulb?

More importantly, how many university students does it take to unscrew that light bulb and replace it with a more efficient one?

Two University of Victoria students- Lyndsay Cole and Alex Blais- are trying to find out. As founding members of the UVic Sustainability Project (UVSP), they have been committed to finding ways in which the campus can become more sustainable.

"Our goal is to come up with a sustainable development policy for the university which would encompass all of the areas we are looking at," said Blais, a third year Biology student.

Cole and Blais have identified ten areas for the campus-wide assessment, from energy use to environmental content of course curriculum. The pair are currently setting up the auditing strategies to be used in the fall, funded by a youth team grant from the ministry of environment.

The UVSP has also received support from David Clode, executive director of Student and Ancillary Services. He said that while the university has not had the resources for staff to undertake a project of this nature, the UVSP is the "perfect marriage" between students, academia and the institution.

"One of the things that stymied us was getting enough shoulders to the wheel," said Clode.

It will be up to Cole and Blais to train student interns and bolster volunteer support for the project. Not only do they need people to collect the data, but they hope to concentrate informational resources on sustainability for all areas of the university.

The UVSP is working alongside existing departments, like Facilities Management, to make the project work. Blais said that he wants the project to supplement the progresses that have already been made, rather than to "supplant their efforts."

"Although Facilities Management is an administration, the green consciousness there is more pervasive than people might think," said Clode.

The project follows UVic's commitment to sustainability, signed in principle in the Talloires Declaration — a ten-point international agreement between 265 academic institutions in over 40 countries.

They hope to have the UVic assessment finished by April 2000, at which time recommendations will be used to draft a policy for presentation to the Senate. Blais and Cole feel that their proposals can be both environmentally and economically sustainable.

"We don't want environmental change at UVic to impose a financial burden on the university, as a whole," said Blais. "There is a way to do this where our recommendations will prove economically feasible."

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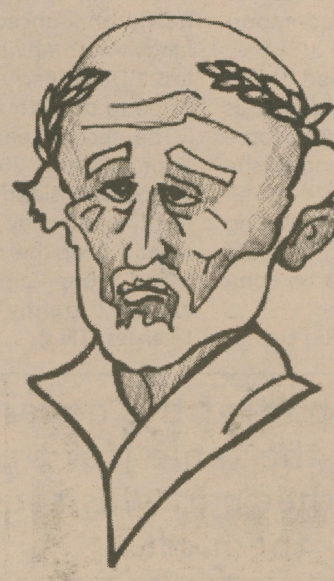

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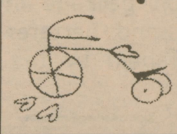

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Cleaning up the destruction in Kosovo

Anti-War Rally held June 19 to remember those who have died during the war.
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BY MIGUEL STROTHER

Hidden behind the uniform steely-grey suit of political discipline at the front of a small Camosun College classroom, Canadian ambassador to Yugoslavia Raphael Girard dropped bombs of his own about the costs of cleaning up the military mess in the Balkans.

"To my understanding, Canada will provide aid greater than or equal to the amount of Canadian military expenditures exhausted in the war in Yugoslavia," said Girard hours after the report of a conflict-ending agreement between Serbian and NATO military officials circulated June 16.

Girard claimed the United States has already pledged close to $500 million in aid for the clean-up process. This is only a small portion of the money that will be needed to rebuild a Yugoslavia devastated by the thousands of air assaults that have resulted in a reported 5000 military personal casualties, more than 1000 civilian deaths, and the complete devastation of the country's infrastructure.

According to University of Victoria political science professor Dr. Rob Walker, the cost of the war is already between seven and eight billion dollars and clean-up costs will be at least three to four times that much.

"If it is anything like the war in Iraq, where the bill is now 107 billion dollars, there is going to have to be a major financial commitment from NATO members to restore economic stability in the region,"said Walker.

The bombs that have been dropped in wave after wave by NATO forces contain depleted uranium and threaten to leach into the soil and affect the health of the Yugoslavian population, both Serbian and Albanian, for generations to come. Viktor Chernomyrdin, former Prime Minister of Russia, wrote in an open letter to the *Washington Post* that the threat of nuclear proliferation and thus nuclear war has never been higher as smaller nations attempt to protect themselves from the military might of the west. Strong anti-NATO protests in Greece that brought the routine of daily life in that NATO allied country to a grinding halt, have gone virtually unreported in the Western media. These issues and the continued unrest in Yugoslavia have left many people shaking their heads.

"The fact is NATO leaders have misjudged the whole affair and they couldn't back down. It's all power politics. There are no good guys, lots of bad guys and the question is who's worse? The answer is that they are all immoral," said Walker.

Despite the devastation and threat of continued conflict, Ambassador Girard was firm in his defence of NATO bombing.

"(Milosevic) is a monster. I have seen Yugoslavian children with silver-dollar-sized bullet holes in their heads. The ways that he has taken to consolidate his power have not been seen since the days of Stalin. That is terrifying and he had to be stopped."

The Victoria Anti-War Coalition isn't so convinced. The group has been meeting since the war began in an effort to raise public awareness about NATO's presence in the Balkans. Despite the signing of the peace deal in Yugoslavia, the group claims that they will not stop trying to combat Canada's involvement in NATO.

"This is just one event in the long list of heinous Western Imperialist military actions. The fact is that there was no ethnic cleansing in Yugoslavia before the NATO bombing started. Obviously we have to shift our focus, but we will continue to try and raise awareness in Victoria and attempt to convince people to say no to NATO," said Ben Isitt, one of the coalition's key coordinators.

Confirming the worst fears about NATO involvement in the destruction of Yugoslavia, Girard echoed the words of Isitt.

"There was no ethnic cleansing in Yugoslavia until NATO bombing. Nobody thought the threat issued at Rambouillet would come to this. But once those threats were made they had to be backed up with military force."

The Rambouillet agreement was a last attempt on the part of NATO officials to bring about a peaceful resolution to the on-going conflict between Serbs and Albanians. The agreement would have peacefully provided substantial autonomy for Kosovo, paving the way for entrance to the European Union and membership in the NATO alliance. However, the agreement collapsed when Populist-Nationalist Yugoslavian President Slobodan Milosevic decided to call a NATO bluff.

The most pressing issue now is the return of refugees to what is left of their homes and the preparation for the long, hard Balkan winter.

Unless somebody steps in there are going to be many more problems in the Balkans. The most immediate are the restoration of power generating facilities and the fact that we could see a complete reversal of the ethnic cleansing process with the KLA attacking Serb civilians, said Walker.

Victoria may be site of NATO Conference

Victoria has been chosen as a site for NATO 2001, a leader's conferece on Oct.18, 2001.

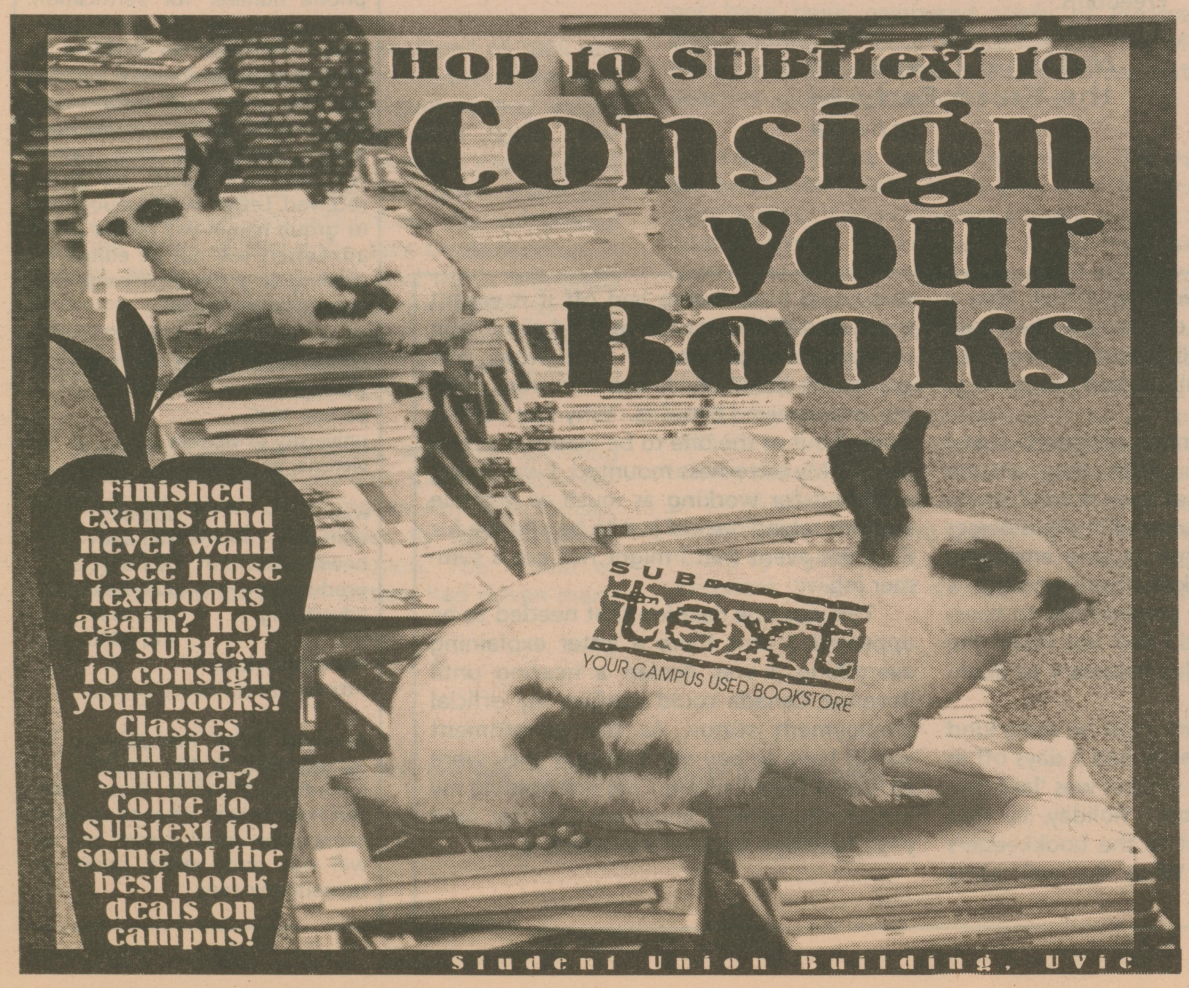
The Victoria Anti-War Coalition's Ben Isitt says that "every protester west of the Rocky Mountains will fight against it."

Joan Russow, leader of the national Green Party says organization needs to begin now for that boast to become a reality.

"The resolutions against weapons of mass destruction have been passed by UN treaty. People must be made aware of this through organization and force government to comply with international and local resolutions."

At a teach-in attracting nearly 300 people Russow unveiled a strategy that would attack the actions of NATO and have it dismantled by international law. It was the positive response to this list of resolutions and her dealings with bureaucrats from all over the world that have convinced Russow that hers is a battle worth waging.

"It was possible that the actions brought against NATO by Yugoslavia in the International Court of Justice, could have brought precedent that would have stopped attacks of this type and helped stop the future breach of international law," said Russow.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Keep Our Lands Ours

The war in the woods is far from over.

The provincial government and forestry giants have spent millions of dollars telling you that it is. They've told us our forests are safe, our water is safe, endangered species are safe.

We'd like to believe it's true, but it's not.

Now the government and industry is giving us a new message.

The message is this: privately owned forest is better managed and more productive than publicly owned forest.

They are telling us this so they can hand over thousands of hectares of publicly owned land to MacMillan Bloedel without any of the people who own the land - B.C.'s residents - getting upset.

There are two flaws in logic here.

First, why have we decided to hand over land to this company? The provincial government tells us it is to head off a costly law suit. But this is a lawsuit that didn't even make it through the courts and the right of compensation has never been legally demonstrated. Even if the suit stood up in court, many people in B.C. would say it was morally wrong to compensate a company for harvesting rights on publicly owned land that was turned into parks. Once this company is compensated, creating any new parks to preserve nature would involve giving millions of dollars to forest companies. With million-dollar price tags, it is unlikely that we could afford to turn public lands into parks in our own province.

Second, private land is not managed better than public land. Well, it is if better management means producing mono-crops of timber producing products. But to most British Columbians good management means forests with diverse plants and wildlife. It means no soil run-off into creeks and rivers that are home to young salmon. It means preserving the habitat of birds, mammals and even insects. These are not values held by a corporation. Money is what drives industry, not ecosystems.

To top it all off, there is a group of people left, once again, out of the equation. First Nations people on Vancouver Island have said time and time again that land, not money, is what they are looking for when it comes to settling outstanding treaties.

All of the land the government is thinking about handing over to MacBlo is currently on the treaty negotiation tables. If it is gone before treaty negotiations are over, many bands will sue, and that is going to cost a whole lot more than MacBlo's $84 million.

Attend the public consultation meeting tonight, June 24, and tell the provincial government that you are not in favor of giving MacBlo your lands.

The war in the woods isn't over. It has just moved out of the woods and into conference rooms.

letters letters

God Has no Place

Editors:

Legitimacy of the issue raised by MP Svend Robinson: Re the intention and perception surrounding the inclusion of the word "God" in the Canadian Constitution.

If the inclusion of the word "God" in the preamble of the Constitution and Charter of Rights and Freedoms was intended to or is perceived to discriminate against belief systems that do not encompass the belief in the existence of God or was intended to or is perceived to give preference to monotheistic over polytheistic beliefs, then the inclusion of the word "God" could be deemed to be in conflict with the operative claused in the Charter, and in conflict with international human rights documents that foster the imperative to not discriminate on the grounds of religion.

Then the word "God" should be removed and perhaps replaced by "since the Charter of Rights and Freedoms in 1982, Canada is dedicated to principles of 'equity, human rights, ecology and social justice" so that the preambular clauses would not contradict the operative clauses of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Joan Russow (PhD)
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Enuf is Enuf

Editors:

Enough is enough! Now I hear that our glorious NDP government has taken all (or almost all) of the profits earned by Lotto BC (did I hear $280 million?) - money supposed to be for charity, health, and community activities - and put it into "general revenue."

No surprise here - we all know the NDP record when it comes to charities - can we all say "BINGO!!!" But ENOUGH is ENOUGH. This government continues to STEAL from the poor to line their FAT POCKETS. I've had it! I hope the rest of you have too! I'm calling on all BC'ers to come to the aid of their province through the formation of a PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. We simply cannot be robbed by these thieves for another 2 years. Write to me:

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soapbox

BY JULIET RICE

I work for the University of Victoria Students' Society. Usually this job is one that is draped in glamour; I work in several places throughout the building. During the school year that is. Once April rolls around and those who graduate or live elsewhere head home for the summer, I am left with 14 tiny hours a week at my respective job(s). Seeking summer employment can be hell, and as of yet I haven't been able to find one.

I was 'laid off' from two of my jobs. I have been employed full time for over a year and had the minimum amount of hours to qualify. Down at the Employment Insurance (EI) office, I breezed through the interview with confidence. I felt that I would get a pittance of the sum I had paid into it over the last 10 years that I've been employed. Until I finally would get hired at Subway.

So, it was with much bitterness that I read over the rejection letter they sent me which informed me that I was not in fact eligible for benefits because all the businesses in UVSS are considered as one employer, despite the range in skills (from serving in a pub to being a movie projectionist to operating a database) and I had not taken the required 7 days' holiday necessary to qualify.

I thought that there must be some kind of mistake. I had certainly had 7 days off in a row from the job in which I was 'laid off.' In fact it was a 2 month holiday, by that point. I went straight to the bookkeepers who confirmed this. What the hell? Why was I told I was being laid off if it wasn't true? And did I not receive 3 T-4 slips? One record of employment? Just what was going one here? My co-workers were eligible and received benefits. Why was I being singled out as the one to be made an example of? My bitterness mounted. I was being punished for working as much as possible and not taking days of just to be eligilbe for EI in the event that I might not get a summer job.

This was one decision that needed to be appealed. I sent them a letter explaining everything. I was denied a hearing until Revenue Canada could confirm my official employment status. As the government would have to pay me money if they were to rule in favour of me, I am not holding my breath. However, I know my plan for next year. Holidays. Because I'm worth it.

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BY V.H. VACHON

"Will you sign my petition against Bill C-417, the private member's bill seeking to pardon Louis Riel?"

Whether family, friend, co-worker, or stranger, every response to my simple question is always the same: "A pardon for Louis Riel? But he's dead!"

"That's right," I say. "That's my point. Exactly."

Louis Riel. Two words, a simple name, a man dead more than one hundred years, yet still he lives.

Grandson of the first white woman in the Canadian West and son of the man who broke the monopoly of the Hudson's Bay Company in Rupert's Land, Louis Riel was a man marked for greatness. Born in 1844 in the Red River Settlement (now Winnipeg), Louis Riel was a member of the Métis nation, the people born of the unions of early European fur traders and their aboriginal wives. In the course of his short life, as the school books say, Louis Riel became the embodiment of Canada's traditional historical cleavages: Aboriginal vs. European, French vs. English, Catholic vs. Protestant, East vs. West, Urban vs. Rural.

The so-called "Red River Rebellion" of 1869 saw the Métis declare a Provisional Government and proclaim Louis Riel their President as they sought protection for their customs and rights from Ottawa and the premature western expansion of the Canadian nation state. This government carried out negotiations with Ottawa that culminated in the entry of Manitoba into Confederation in 1870, Métis language and land rights seemingly secure. Riel, however, was compelled to flee. Subsequently elected to the Canadian House of Commons three times, Louis Riel, fearing for his life, would never be able to claim his seat.

Banished from the country, and after spending time in two Montréal asylums, Riel eventually settled in Montana, becoming an American citizen, teacher, husband, and father. By 1884, however, his people needed him again. The arrival of Canadian and European settlers had driven many of the Métis from the area around Red River further west, to Batoche, along the banks of the South Saskatchewan River. There, the Canadian government continued its traditional indifference to Métis rights and land customs, doing nothing as settlers arrived to transform the landscape and destroy a way of life, again.

The so-called "North-West Rebellion" of 1885 saw another Provisional Government declared with Riel at its helm. Originally interested in a constitutional redress of Métis grievances, Riel's approach eventually became more wild and extreme as he broke with the Catholic church, took hostages, and tried to convince the Indians to join him in his cause. Over the course of several months there were a number of military engagements with the North-West Mounted Police and Canadian soldiers, engagements that saw more than 100 people die. When Batoche was taken after a four day battle, Riel eventually surrendered, his people beaten, their Nation destroyed. Having repudiated his lawyer's plea of insanity, Riel was found guilty of high treason and, barely six months after his surrender, was executed at Regina on November 16, 1885. The Prairies were open for business.

Historians give many reasons why Riel's verdict should be overturned: he was mad; the jury should not have been composed solely of Protestant anglophones; evidence was fabricated; the Métis were just protecting their homes; a civilized nation does not execute citizens for treason.

The latest theory on Riel's conviction, the impetus behind Bill C-417, holds that then Manitoba Chief Justice Lewis Wallbridge created a conflict of interest when, before going on to hear Riel's appeal, he gave the government of Sir John A. Macdonald pretrial legal advice. Be that as it may, Louis Riel is dead. Louis Riel's execution did not happen yesterday, last week, or even this century. Louis Riel is not languishing in a jail cell waiting for justice. Every person connected with the events of 1885 is dead. When talking about Louis Riel we are talking about history, an event from the past, a situation that cannot be changed. Even Reform Party leader Preston Manning gets it right: "to reverse history by legislation is a mistake," he says, "a bad precedent. Where will it stop?" And so my petition.

I believe we can interpret the facts of Louis Riel's life as we so wish, but we should not re-write his long-ago lived life to salve our guilty collective conscience. This makes sense to me, but why not to others? From Pamela Wallin ("To take up a cause for your beliefs is a valiant excercise."), the head of the RCMP ("It is not the policy of the Force to comment upon the administation, operation, objectives or policies of the Federal government."), the Mayor of Winnipeg ("My policy is not to condone or condemn issues by way of petition."), Francine Pelletier of "the fifth estate" ("You're position is most interesting."), Queen Elizabeth ("As a constitutional Sovereign it is not a matter in which the Queen would intervene."), the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick ("It would be inappropriate of a Lieutenant Governor to comment on Federal legislation."), and the Premier of Ontario ("Thanks for bringing your thoughts on this matter to my attention."), for instance, Canadian celebrities and politicians have refused to sign along side the 100+ ordinary Canadians who see my point of view.

Although Canada's politicians and the Métis people have more important things to worry about than episodes from Canada's distant historical past (What about Métis hunting rights? Métis Treaty Rights?), I suspect my petition will have little chance of success; a bill pardoning Louis Riel is a no-brainer, a feel good piece of legislation, a chance for politicians to think they are doing something of significance when all they are doing is making noise. Yet still I persevere; if we want future generations of Canadians to understand the importance of Louis Riel, I believe he must remain a man judged guilty of the crime of high treason. We are welcome to disagree with that verdict of treason as we so feel, but, not being George Orwell's 1984, we should not re-write that verdict of treason.

So, if the politicians and celebrities won't sign my petition, will you? Sign my petition at vhv@islandnet.com. Write your MP. Stop this bill. Tell the politicians to leave our history alone.

monologue is a new section this year for feature length opinion pieces...

McEwan crafts effortless read

AMSTERDAM
BY IAN MCEWAN
ALFRED E. KNOPF, 1999

BY DAVE CLEMENTS

The old adage about never judging a book by its cover has perhaps never been more true than in the case of Ian McEwan's latest effort.

The book's release in paperback just this month means its publisher had plenty of time to store the accolades that have accumulated since its debut last year.

And here they are, reproduced for posterity on the book's jacket.

"Sardonic and well plotted," applauds the London Financial Times, "tells us more about contemporary life in Britain than any other contemporary work of fiction or non-fiction."

Not to be outdone, the Literary Review says that *Amsterdam* is, "An immoral morality told with gleeful detachment, a well-plotted story of plots which displays its own elegant structure as one of the pleasures offered to the reader."

And finally, this from the all-important Times Literary Supplement: "implausibly elegant black comedy... Amsterdam is a consummately well-orchestrated performance."

Suggesting that literary critics do not, for the most part, have a clue about what they are reviewing is not exactly smashing icons.

Reading *Amsterdam*, and its critical plaudits, reminds us not to forget this fact.

These reviewers–and this is but a small sampling by those who raved about McEwan's tenth novel–have become lost in a love of their own devices.

True, McEwan is somethig of a writer's writer, and one who can be justifiably tagged with the adjective of clever.

But simply put, *Amsterdam* is a good read–nothing more, nothing less.

It's a tale of the late Molly Lane, an artist and ingenue who appears to have known any and every man of substance in England during the early 1990s.

More specifically, it's about what results when the talents and obsessions of these great men collide. The book begins when the men in her life are forced to confront each other during Ms. Lane's snowy funeral.

McEwan's characters are a noted composer who has been commissioned to write a great symphony for the new millennium, a tabloid editor in search of the headline that will prevent his inevitable sacking, and a successful politician ruled entirely by his ego (as if that wasn't redundant).

Revealing too much of the plot would ruin one of the best reads of the year, as the Booker Prize jury agreed last year. It should be noted, however, that no character leaves the novel in as good shape as they enter it.

Left in the hands of a lesser writer, a plot with characters as larger-than-life as these three could become tired and even hackneyed. It's easy to imagine *Amsterdam* degenerating into a tedious "whodunnit" or other clichéd account.

Instead, *Amsterdam* is a book that is nearly impossible to put down, which begs to be read in a single sitting.

Despite taking place in the dead of winter–a particularly cold, wet and grey one at that–McEwan's *Amesterdam* is a perfect read for any lazy summer day.

Johnson's beauty abound

BY MIRANDA POST

Second Hand Rose and the gang presented a cacophony of local artists for the bold, bawdy and beautiful to gaze upon last Friday night. While waiting in line outside Open Space Art Gallery, Marilyn Manson's, *Beautiful People* rang through my head. Beauty was everywhere and I hadn't even arrived inside yet. Part fashion show, part spoken word, part art show and part musical and dramatic performance, It's a Beautiful Thing, also featured lower Johnson street vendors, their fans and alumni sharing their hilarity, creativity and beauty.

Held at Open Space Art Gallery, Rose's annual shindig featured art from many local artists such as photographer Angela Bennett, fuck-the-system painter Liisa Montroy and mixed media master Max Wyse. Fabric print legends Smoking Lily shared a little room with GeoHew InkPress for a mini exhibition of their insect inspired prints on paper, quilts and books.

The performances began about half an hour and an empty beer fridge later than planned, with Victoria-schooled poet Billeh being the first to take the stage after MC Rose. Billeh read some poetry about Langley lesbians and a hand-me-down squeaky brass bed, from his upcoming publication.

Miss Gay Victoria Vicki Licker graced the stage in her little dalmatian-print fake fur number, singing the praises of womanhood and Second Hand Rose. This added to the "feel-good-cause-you're-absolutely-amazing-darling" atmosphere of the show.

Perhaps the pinnacle of the beautiful night, besides the restocked beer and wine supplies, was the Still Life and Second Hand Rose's fashion show. Modeling swanky fashions from Still Life, models strolled and swung across stage. While the Still Life fashions had a 1950s vintage feel to them, Second Hand Rose's models strutted their stuff in local 1970s contempo-glam designs. Local seamstresses Claudia Hnoglinger, Sisi, Serena, Okalani LeBlanc and Sairaa Thornton not only designed many of the evening's threads featured but also modeled the tear-away tops, long, sexy, sequined numbers and strawberry-short-cakesque dresses.

Shits and giggles were provided by The Chicks in The Nabe, singing and acting pardners Carolyn Mark and Kerri McCauley. Philosophizing about men in their song, "They're either ugly, gay or taken," McCauley and Mark had the crowd rolling around in the aisles.

For more of the yumminess on display last Friday, you'll probably have to wait another year for the next show or just keep your eye on lower Johnson street.

Dating 101: a handy guide

DATING: A SURVIVAL GUIDE FROM THE FRONTLINES
JOSEY VOGELS
RAINCOAST BOOKS, 1999

BY KÄTHE LEMON

Lesson number one: reading a dating guide is embarrassing. I started reading it on the ferry, poor choice. I felt like everyone knew I was reading this book for my own personal needs. I wanted to shout out, "It's just a review copy, this is part of my job!" I felt like a pathetic loser.

However, the book is actually funny, and although I haven't had time to put all of its advice to use, it does seem practical.

Admittedly there is a lot of advice in here for the completely socially inept. For example, there are extensive lists which help identify someone is interested in you. However, if you don't know the person touching your thigh has a more-than-friends agenda, you probably need more than just a dating guide.

I've even had a chance to test Vogels' "three-strikes and you're in" theory. The idea behind this particular bit of dating brilliance is that if you make eye contact with the object of your desire three times and they haven't walked away yet, then you have a good chance of not getting rejected if you walk up and talk to them. This just leaves two little problems—they can still reject you once you open your mouth, and, just because you made eye contact doesn't mean that you actually do want to talk to them.

There are some tips that I just know I'll use, such as the list of snappy come-backs for bad pick-up lines. A sample come-back for "Haven't I seen you someplace before?" is "Yeah, that's why I don't go there anymore."

Vogels gives advice for every step of the dating process, from how to find someone, right through to the commitment stage. She tries to make her book apply to the widest possible readership by including stories and advice for males and females both straight and queer in a large age range.

She also passes on many tips from other dating gurus, such as Leil Lowndes who advises people in her dating seminars to practice the "sticky eyes routine"—I kid you not. The sticky-eyes routine is more commonly known as looking-them-up-and-down. While this method will get you noticed, it may also get you knocked out. Buyer beware.

But Vogels does take the whole dating advice idea with a grain of salt. Perhaps her best advice is to not see yourself as a pathetic loser. As she points out, single people are by definition picky people. The pathetic ones are those who believe that being with anyone is better than being with no one. Those people are called couples. (Is it glaringly obvious that I'm single?)

So if you feel that your dating life could use a little lift, or a laugh, buy *Dating*. And while you're at it, get a book cover so that no one knows what you're reading.

The Heiress' witty dialogue holds audience

photo by William E. John

BY DONNA ST.LOUIS

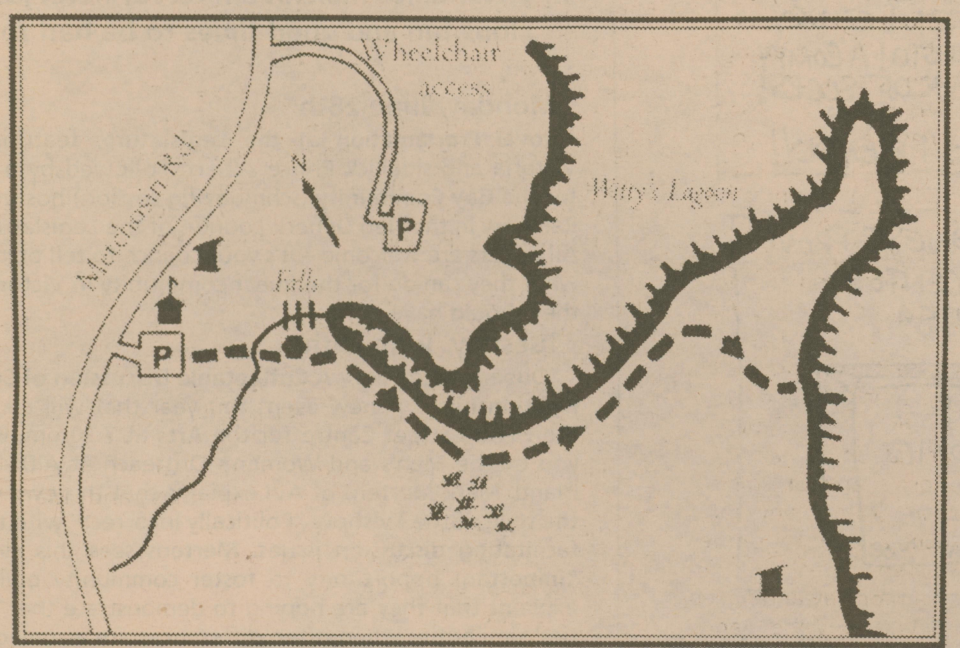
The Heiress, Langham Court Theatre's most recent production opened its curtains on June 10 to a warm and receptive audience. Besides being opening night, there were other reasons to celebrate, including Langham Court's 70th year and the presence of three audience members who were involved in Langham Court's 1951 production of *The Heiress.* Directed by Jutta Woodland, a Langham Court veteran, *The Heiress* revolves around the life of Catherine Sloper who is forced to choose between her father, Dr.Sloper and her courtier, the charming and penniless Morris Towsend. The sour relationship between Catherine and her father (tainted by Dr. Sloper's belief that Catherine is to blame for his wife's death in childbirth) turns even more sour when the doctor threatens to disown Catherine if she marries Morris whom he claims is only after her money.

Taking place in an upper class New York city home during the mid 19th century, the set design and costumes were more than adequate. It was a shame, however, that in the first scene the acting was not. Scene I moved slowly and the dialogue among most characters seemed forced. Had it not been for the five people seated on either side of me in the cramped aisles of the Langham Court Theatre my plan for escape would have been a success. Fortunately I was stuck because by intermission *The Heiress* had me on the edge of my seat praying that Catherine would ditch both her father and Morris and take her money and run. Catherine's character played by Linda Hopkins was profound. From beginning to end she never slips out of character as she captures the awkward shyness of Catherine with perfection and then successfully develops her character into a young women with confidence and shrewdness. With Linda Hopkins' portrayal of Catherine and Toshik Bukowiecki's performance of an asshole (Dr. Sloper) *The Heiress* developed into an intense drama that held the audience's attention with its witty and emotional dialogue.

When the play climaxed with a furious verbal argument in which Dr. Sloper strips Catherine of her confidence, her dignity and any hope for true love, the audience reacted with awestruck silence until one female audience whispered, "He is horrible!" and the man beside her growled his approval of her remark. By the play's end three hours had passed of which every minute was well spent.

The Heiress plays at the Langham Court Theatre until June 26, 1999.

A wet Summer Solstice at Witty's Lagoon



BY SARAH DUSTERBECK

It seems ironic that what was to be a celebration of the longest day of the year–a salute to the 'summer' solstice–turned out to be dark, wet, and cloudy. Sunday marked the peak of summer hours, and, despite the general lack of sunlight we've been encountering these days, also marked the beginning of a decline in the amount of daylight we'll be experiencing from now on.

I showed up at Witty's Lagoon Regional Park on Sunday for what naturalist Joe Percival, our tour guide for the day, called an interpretive walk. In addition to summer solstice, the tour was intended to commemorate National Aboriginal Day and Father's Day by tying in all three to historical and cultural background of the local vegetation and surroundings.

Armed with a picnic, sunscreen, and a change of clothes for when it got sunny, my spirits were partly dampened when I arrived promptly at one-o'clock to find an empty parking lot and a distinct lack of festivity in the air. Granted it was raining a little and the sky did look somewhat bleak, but I was certain that on a summer Sunday there had to be at least a few die-hards willing to brave the less-than-terrific weather for a chance to escape the confines of the indoors. Not so. There were three of us in total, my friend, the tour guide and me.

I must confess that it's been a while since I have been out to Witty's Lagoon. I'd forgotten how lush and scenic the trails are and how mysterious and magical the woods are. We found ourselves enclosed by hundred-year-old trees that kept us dry from the drizzle of the rain. As we walked through the forest I was overwhelmed by the fresh and dewy scent that can only be found in the outdoors in the spring or summer. It's a scent that conjures ghosts of summers past.

And of course, the biggest attraction of all was the panoramic view of the waterfalls, which can be observed from several spots along the trail. Called the Sitting Lady Falls, Joe the tour guide informed us that the naming of the falls ties in with Father's Day. As the legend is told, five daughters of a local chief left the house for the day but were told by their father to be back before dark. When they arrived at a cliff they stopped to admire the view of the mountainside (not yet the falls) and then went down to the lagoon to play in the water. They were having so much fun that it grew to be late afternoon and all but the youngest sister decided to head back. When the sisters finally made it home the father was furious they were so late and when he realized that the youngest was not with them he shouted that she might as well stay at the lagoon. There are two versions of the ending of this story, the first being that because of what the father said his daughter was turned into a waterfall, and hence would stay at the lagoon forever. The second version is that the daughter enjoyed being there so much that the spirits of the water asked her to stay. Which ever story is true, if you look closely, you can see a young lady 'sitting' in the falls.

Joe was never short on anecdotes or information. In particular, he had much to say about the traditional ways of looking at the plant world and described the various plants associated with the solar cycle. For instance, Joe claimed "the oak tree, like summer, has reached its peak in the cycle of growth and rebirth, while the holly plant is on the opposite cycle as it has the power of keeping its leaves green in the winter." Accordingly, the oak and the holly are known as two kings dueling for power over one another. The aboriginal people have similar stories about many of the plants and animals we encountered on our hike.

I found it surprising, however, when Joe informed us that cross-culturally, we humans relate and respond to the natural world similarly. For instance, across cultures we share the same myths about the natural world: "traditional peoples from around the world believe in 'mother earth' and 'father sun or sky.' Sometimes these roles are reversed so we have father earth and mother sky but it's the same mythology being discussed," said Joe. He also believes we respond similarly in deciding which plants are cultivated over time and which are not.

Ultimately, we've made our mistakes. For example, invasive plants such as Scotch Broom and Daphne Laureola have been introduced into North America for various reasons and have spread like wildfire. The toxins in these plants help them fight off competitors, however, the plants themselves threaten the environment. Joe claims that national parks such as Witty's have begun to implement a restoration project which will "address the damage created by a previous 'hands off' policy whereby the parks ignored the damage done by visitors to the grounds."

Anyone interested in finding out more information about the historical and cultural aspects of Witty's Lagoon can contact Joseph Percival via CRD Parks. And if you're merely interested in languishing on the beach or taking in some trails while enjoying the scenery, Witty's offers more solitude than many other parks or beaches you'll encounter. But if solitude is your only goal then I highly recommend you show up on a wet and cloudy Sunday–you'll never find a line-up for the washroom and there'll always be a spot to throw your towel on the beach.

To reach Witty's Lagoon take Highway 1 west to Highway 1A, turning off at the Colwood exit. Travel west on 1A to Sooke Road. Follow Sooke Road to Metchosin Road and turn left. Take Metchosin Road to the main park entrance, where the nature centre is located.

Map & directions are taken from Helen Lansdowne's Nature Walks Around Victoria on GreyStone Books.

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photo by Luc Hamel

Bikers Battle for World Cup

BY CRAIG BATTLE

That stunning red maple leaf of Canadian pride is currently being stamped all over the World Cup mountain biking circuit.

With the recent loss of sprinter Donovan Bailey's 100-metre record time to Maurice Green of the U.S., Victoria native Alison Sydor and several other female riders on the circuit are helping keep Canada at the top of the sporting world.

After five of eight total World Cup events, Sydor sits atop the overall standings. The Victoria resident and '96 silver medalist jumped into the lead with a win at the second event of the tour in April at Sydney, Australia.

The 32-year-old biking veteran built a huge lead over the first two of four laps of the test event for the 2000 Olympic Summer Games in Sydney, and finished the 31.2 km race in 1:40:25.

"It's fantastic to win here," said Sydor, who placed third, two weeks before at the World Cup opener in California despite a nagging chest infection. "I wasn't expecting to be in top form this weekend but as soon as I grabbed a big lead I knew I'd be difficult to catch. I have 18 months to think about the Olympic Games, and I'll have a real confidence boost from this performance."

Three of Sydor's teammates–all training with the PacificSport National Cycling Centre–landed in the top 15 at the event as well. Christina Redden, an Ontario native–who posted six top-10 results last season as well as landing fourth at the opener–placed fifth; Leslie Tomlinson of Victoria crossed in 11th; and Melanie McQuaid, also of Victoria, finished 15th.

Sydor then took the silver despite a flat tire at the next event on April 24 in Madrid, Spain.

Sydor completed the best first lap, but admitted that she was not racing in top form due to her rough travel schedule.

"I felt OK, but it is really tough racing here only two weeks after Sydney," said Sydor. "I travelled through Vancouver to get here and the jet lag has taken a lot out of me."

Christina Redden, placing a then season-low 10th, also partly blamed the travel.

"It was a tough start and the opening climb really spaced out everybody," said Redden. "I think a lot of riders were feeling the effects from the travel from Australia and I knew from the start my legs were running on empty."

Redden would continue to slide in the next two events in St. Wendel, Germany, and Plymouth, England in which she placed 12th and 16th.

"It was a frustrating day for me," said Redden on the Wendel event, who was feeling ill before blowing a tire with 2.5 kilometres left in the race.

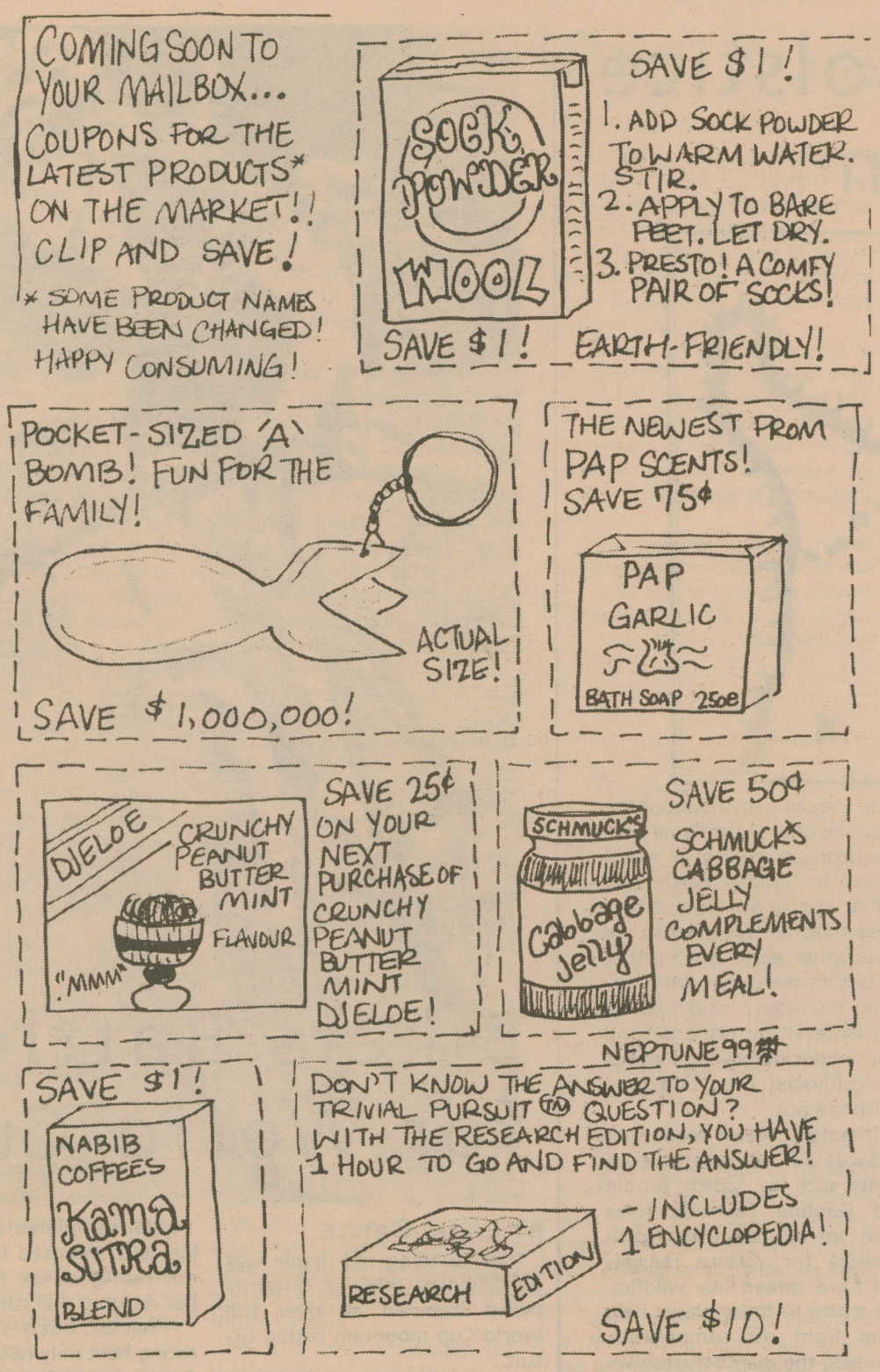
Sydor, however, continued to impress taking third place at both Wendel and Plymouth, improving her streak to five-straight medal showings.

Still, she was quick to say she could use a little time off.

"I am very tired at this point in the season," said Sydor. "I'm ready to go home for awhile and recharge my batteries."

With three events remaining, Sydor with one win, two silver and two bronze leads the overall standings with 990 points. Her only threat for a second consecutive crown is Norway's consistent Gunn-Rita Dahle, second at 910. Redden, in eighth place, is the only other Canadian in the top-10.

The circuit resumes competition in North America in July, which will include a stop at Canmore, Alberta on July 3.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Pride Week In Victoria

This Sunday marks the launch of Pride Week 99 in Victoria. No millennium fervor here, just ridiculous fun and good times to be had for all.

Monday, June 28th:

Royal Proclamation at the Legislature, featuring Queen Victoria and sidekick Prince Albert. Followed by a **Reception for the Gay Community** (schmoozing session) hosted by Island Rainbow in the Ned Debeck Lounge of the Legislature at 6pm. All queers are welcome – it's your chance to tell our politicians what they can do for the queer community in Victoria or what they should have done....

Tuesday, June 29th:

"Queerly Incorrect – A Coffeetable Discussion of Sex, Love & Relationships." A new event this year that will take place at the Herald Street Centre for the Arts at 7:30 pm. Brought to you by the Men's and Women's Outreach at AIDS Vancouver Island. Mark Mertens of AVI explains that this event will be in the style of the TV show "Politically Incorrect" with three hosts facilitating discussion issues. Mertens sees this event as an "important opportunity to foster community building". He explains that they are hoping to demonstrate the "communities' similarities when often differences are assumed."

Thursday, July 1st:

4th Annual Pride Ball Game at Heywood Park Field at 11:30am. "Where the Boys are Girls and Girls are Tough"

Friday, July 2nd:

RAW Ink: A Pride Celebration Art Show. There will be readings and Music, at the G Spot at 7pm.

Saturday, July 3rd:

2nd Annual Tattoo-a-thon, Urge Studios 12-7pm. A fundraiser for Pride. Tattoos by donation. Call 360-2393 for more information.

Pride Society and GSpot Dance. Fernwood Community Centre, 8-12pm. Tickets at the door–sliding scale–all genders, all ages. Call 360-2393 for more information.

Sunday, July 4th:

PARADE! Leaving from the corner of Pandora Ave and Government St. at 12:00noon. The festival taking place at Fisherman's Wharf park will be featuring some great local entertainment including theatre from the Fringe's elite Aphrodite's All Purpose Dog Wax troupe. This troupe is infamous for their in-your-face style theatre.

compiled by Kathyrn Saunders

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on-campus

Queeries Publishing Collective is up and running... As the Queer Student Newspaper we are currently looking for articles and artwork for our August issue. If you are interested in submitting something for publication or in helping out please call 472-4393 or drop a note in the Queeries box in the LGBA, SUB B118.

off-campus

Help Stop Privatization of our Public Forests! Rally at the Legislature June 24th 11:30am-1:30pm. Help prevent the transfer of public lands to MacMillan Bloedel. Volunteers needed: Carmanah Forestry Society please call 381-1141, carmanah@pacificcoast.net

Cafe Philosophy topic for June 29th is: "Do we create Technology or does Technology create us?" Tuesdays @ 7pm, $3 cover, Bean Around the World, 533 Fisgard St. Info: 385-4646.

Western Salon Philosophy, June 24th, Reading: "The Critique of Pure Reason" by Immanuel Kant. Readings available at Bean Around the World. Thursday @ 7pm at the Pyro Philosophy Shop, 565 Fisgard St. 3rd floor. Info: 385-4646.

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Summer Institute on Autism – July 27-30. A series of workshops hosted by the Autism Society of B.C. providing practical information on autism and related disorders, including an overview of autism, communication strategies, services planning, and effective advocacy. Cost for pre-registered non-members is $37.45 for all 4 days. Call 1-800-437-0880 to register or for more information.

Fund-raising **LATIN DANCE with Kumbia** in support of two students with Building Bridges to Mexico. June 25th at the White Eagle Hall (90 Dock St. in James Bay) Tickets $8 from Oxfam or at UVic from UVic Newcomb (Cor B240a) or $10 at the door. Have a Latin Dance lesson with Bernard ("Dr. Salsa") at 8:30-9:30pm and then enjoy latin dancing with KUMBIA from 9:30-12:30.

Cuba: A Share in Justice: Wendy Holm of the BC-Cuba Farmer-to-Farmer Project show slides and speaks on sustainable agriculture, followed by live Cuban music, June 29th, 7:30pm, Downtown Community Activity Centre, 755 Pandora. By donation. For information, call Oxfam at 360-0799.

Annual Moss Street Paint-In, Saturday, July 17. Wander up and down Moss Street to see local artists at work. Day ends with beer garden and music at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria.

Moss Street Market, Saturdays 10am-2pm, Fairfield & Moss. Local organic growers, bakers, crafters & musicians.

James Bay Market, Saturdays, Superior & Menzies.

Fernwood Community Market starts this sunday June 27th, 10am-3pm Contact 381-1552 to reserve a spot or for more information.

wanted

Martlet wants new blood: Writers, or people who want to try their hand at writing. Photographers and Illustrators are also desired. We need people who are interested in news, arts, sports, outdoor adventure pieces or whatever is on your mind. Come to the next Martlet story assignment meeting, July 12th.

Looking for old, but useable Macs for word processing. If you have one just taking up space, give us a call. We can take it off your hands. Call Christina or Meesha, 721-8360.

for sale

1991- Convertible Chrysler Lebaron. Fully Loaded. One owner. Fully Automatic. Plus CD/Tape/4 speakers and power roof. No. 1 Condition. $11,500 O.B.O. 477-2513 Sandra.

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for rent

Furnished Room for rent July & August. Cheap! $200/month. Hillside and Cook area. Close to school, town and the Roxy. For more info, call 475-3595.

help wanted

Teaching Positions for graduates (BA or above) to teach English in Korea. Salary, housing plus airfare. Send resume to: Dr. Ben Kwak, 61-5 Samduk 3-Ga, Joong-Gu, Taegu 700-413, S. Korea;Fax: 0011-82-53-423-6526; E-Mail: Benkwak@choLLian.NET

lost

Missing: one "Bob Dylan" black wig since the UVSS staff party, last seen on Rob Fleming's head. Please return to SUBtext, no questions asked.

hey you

GORGEOUS raver-goddess who makes paper snowflakes...you have a killer vocabulary and a knee weakening smile. Just thought you should know.
-your mystery admirer.

you red truck driving, black t-shirt wearing, short-haired goddess. who & where are you? I hope you weren't leaving town.

kiya's fingernails sharpened with gleeful anticipation of a karmic battle. a new shade would have to be christened for the event.

a fool's mistake is to leave things in writing.

rates

students & clubs	$2/issue
non-students	$2/line
businesses	$5/line
hey you!	$1/issue